

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Eastern District of Washington

Oct 06, 2015

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
v.  
MELANIE J. CHRISTOPHERSON

## JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 2:14CR00168-TOR-3

USM Number: 17605-085

Jeffrey S. Niesen

Defendant's Attorney



## THE DEFENDANT:

pleaded guilty to count(s) 1 of the Indictment

pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ which was accepted by the court.

was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18 U.S.C. §§ 1344, 1349	Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud	12/03/14	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Count(s) 6, 8, 9, 16 & 24 of the Indictment  is  are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

10/6/2015

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

The Honorable Thomas O. Rice

Judge, U.S. District Court

Name and Title of Judge

10/6/2015

Date

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: 18 months

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

Defendant be housed at FCI Victorville and receive credit for the time served in federal custody prior to sentencing in this matter. Defendant participate in the BOP Inmate Financial Responsibility Program.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

as notified by the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

before 2 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

as notified by the United States Marshal.

as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By \_\_\_\_\_  
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

DEFENDANT: MELANIE J. CHRISTOPHERSON  
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Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of : 5 years

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(Check, if applicable.)*

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

**STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician, marijuana is prohibited;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 14) Defendant shall not enter into or remain in any establishment where alcohol is the primary item of sale.
- 15) Defendant shall abstain from the use of illegal controlled substances, and shall submit to urinalysis and sweat patch testing, as directed by the supervising officer, but no more than 6 tests per month, in order to confirm continued abstinence from these substances.
- 16) Defendant shall abstain from alcohol and shall submit to testing (including urinalysis and Breathalyzer) as directed by the supervising officer, but no more than 6 tests per month, in order to confirm continued abstinence from this substance.
- 17) Defendant shall undergo a substance abuse evaluation and, if indicated by a licensed/certified treatment provider, enter into and successfully complete an approved substance abuse treatment program, which could include inpatient treatment and aftercare. Defendant shall contribute to the cost of treatment according to her ability to pay. Defendant shall allow full reciprocal disclosure between the supervising officer and treatment provider.
- 18) Defendant shall provide the supervising officer with access to any requested financial information, including authorization to conduct credit checks and obtain copies of your federal income tax returns. Defendant shall disclose all assets and liabilities to the supervising officer. Defendant shall not transfer, sell, give away, or otherwise convey any asset, without the advance approval of the supervising officer.
- 19) Defendant shall not incur any new debt, open additional lines of credit, or enter into any financial contracts, without the advance approval of the supervising officer.
- 20) Defendant shall submit her person, residence, office, vehicle and belongings to a search, conducted by a probation officer, at a sensible time and manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of violation of a condition of supervision. Failure to submit to search may be grounds for revocation. Defendant shall warn persons with whom she shares a residence that the premises may be subject to search.

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The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>Assessment</u></b>	<b><u>Fine</u></b>	<b><u>Restitution</u></b>
	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$28,959.04

The determination of restitution is deferred until                   . An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case* (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.

The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<b>Name of Payee</b>	<b>Total Loss*</b>	<b>Restitution Ordered</b>	<b>Priority or Percentage</b>
Wal-Mart	\$23,318.00	\$23,318.00	4th in full
Money Tree	\$4,538.70	\$4,538.70	3rd in full
Stop N' Go	\$1,015.87	\$1,015.87	2nd in full
7-11	\$86.47	\$86.47	1st in full

<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ <u>28,959.04</u>	\$ <u>28,959.04</u>
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Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$                   

The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

the interest requirement is waived for the  fine  restitution.

the interest requirement for the  fine  restitution is modified as follows:

\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:

A  Lump sum payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due immediately, balance due  
 not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or  
 in accordance  C,  D,  E, or  F below; or

B  Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with  C,  D, or  F below); or

C  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or

D  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or

E  Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or

F  Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Defendant shall participate in the BOP Inmate Financial Responsibility Program. During the time of incarceration, monetary penalties are payable on a quarterly basis of not less than \$25.00 per quarter.

While on supervised release, monetary penalties are payable on a monthly basis of not less than \$50.00 per month or 10% of the defendant's net household income, whichever is larger, commencing 30 days after the defendant is released from imprisonment.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the following address until monetary penalties are paid in full: Clerk, U.S. District Court, Attention: Finance, P.O. Box 1493, Spokane, WA 99210-1493.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

Case Numbers (including defendant number) and Defendant and Co-Defendant Names, Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

2:14CR0168-TOR-1 Robin Griffith	\$23,318.00	\$23,318.00	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-2 Brenda Lynch	\$23,318.00	\$23,318.00	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-4 Allonda Smith	\$4,953.89	\$4,953.89	Wal-Mart

The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.  
 The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):  
 The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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### ADDITIONAL DEFENDANTS AND CO-DEFENDANTS HELD JOINT AND SEVERAL

#### Case Number

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names (including defendant number)	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Joint and Several Amount</u>	<u>Corresponding Payee, If appropriate</u>
2:14CR0168-TOR-17 John Huscusson	\$1,046.47	\$1,046.47	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-25 Bobbie Joe Nelson	\$1,256.74	\$1,256.74	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-16 George Walker	\$1,181.10	\$1,181.10	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-12 Ashley Lizotte	\$1,046.37	\$1,046.37	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-5 Jered Pederson	\$1,075.33	\$1,075.33	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-6 Brock Cone	\$1,024.57	\$1,024.57	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-7 Veronica Marry	\$1,630.89	\$1,630.89	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-8 Shelbie Strasburg	\$1,822.42	\$1,822.42	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-10 Kregg Hoyt	\$967.45	\$967.45	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-11 Jerry Everett	\$1,108.76	\$1,108.76	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-20 Christopher Haffner	\$4,738.43	\$4,738.43	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-28 Heidi Elliott	\$1,057.48	\$1,057.48	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-13 Emma Paez	\$1,208.56	\$1,208.56	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-24 Lynelle Swope	\$823.45	\$823.45	Wal-Mart
2:14CR0168-TOR-1 Robin Griffith	\$4,538.70	\$4,538.70	Money Tree
2:14CR0168-TOR-2 Brenda Lynch	\$4,538.70	\$4,538.70	Money Tree
2:14CR0168-TOR-5 Jered Pedersen	\$648.60	\$648.60	Money Tree
2:14CR0168-TOR-8 Shelbie Strasburg	\$2,783.64	\$2,783.64	Money Tree
2:14CR0168-TOR-1 Robin Griffith	\$1,015.87	\$1,015.87	Stop N' Go
2:14CR0168-TOR-2 Brenda Lynch	\$1,015.87	\$1,015.87	Stop N' Go
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